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APPENDIX D

	The Desperate Hours (Samuel French edition, Ex. 15)	The Whitemarsh Incident (as reported in the press, Exs. B, D)
	SETTING	
Season:	Early fall.	Early fall.
Time:	Approximately 8:30 a.m.	Approximately 8:30 a.m.
Place:	Isolated suburb of a large city.	Isolated suburb of a large city.
House:	Two-story suburban home.	Two-story suburban home. (Although the Hill residence was actually a three-story house, the Associated Press photograph of the front of the house appearing in The New York Times article of September 13, 1952, disclosed only two stories.)
	CHARACTERS	
The Convicts:	Glenn Griffin, elder of the two convict brothers, in his mid-twenties. Acted as spokesman for the three while in the Hilliard home and had previously been familiar with the area in which that home was located.	Joseph Nolen, elder of the two convict brothers, in his mid-twenties. Acted as spokesman for the three while in the Hill home and had previously been familiar with the area in which that home was located.
	Hank Griffin, younger brother of Glenn.	Ballard Nolen, younger brother of Joseph.
	Samuel Robish.	Elmer Schuer.
The Family:	Mr. Hilliard, a man in his early forties.	Mr. Hill, a man in his early forties.
	Mrs. Hilliard, an attractive woman in her early forties.	Mrs. Hill, an attractive woman in her early forties.
	Their teenage daughter.	Their teenage daughter.
	Their ten-year old son.	Their eleven-year old son. (The Hills' younger children were not depicted by the play.)

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	ACTION	
The Opening:	Play opens with a scene in which local and state police, together with FBI agents, are working on the case.	The New York Times article of September 13, 1952, opens with a statement that local and state police, together with FBI agents, are working on the case.
The Convicts' Escape from Prison:	Federal prison break, sometime before dawn.	Federal prison break, sometime before dawn.
	Convicts steal a car from a farmer.	Convicts steal a car from a farmer.
Scenes at the House:	Mr. Hilliard and daughter leave for the day.	Mr. Hill and daughter (together with other children not depicted by the play) leave for the day.
	Mrs. Hilliard turns on the radio to hear a news broadcast reporting the search for the escaped convicts.	Mrs. Hill turns on the radio to hear a news broadcast reporting the search for the escaped convicts.
	Convicts arrive.	Convicts arrive.
	The elder brother among the convicts warns Mrs. Hilliard to remain silent so as to avoid injury to herself and family.	The elder brother among the convicts warns Mrs. Hill to remain silent so as to avoid injury to herself and family.
	Convicts conduct a search of the premises for firearms and find a gun in a drawer in the master bedroom.	Convicts conduct a search of the premises for firearms and find none.
	Mr. Hilliard and daughter return home and are also held as prisoners by the escaped convicts.	Mr. Hill and daughter (together with other children) return home and are also held as prisoners by the escaped convicts.
	Convicts play dance music on the radio.	Convicts play dance music on the radio.

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	Convicts steal Mr. Hilliard's clothes (mention is made of the fact that those clothes are of the finest quality).	Convicts steal Mr. Hill's clothes (mention is made of the fact that those clothes are of the finest quality).
	Telephone calls and visits by acquaintances play dramatic part in the experience.	Telephone calls and visits by acquaintances play dramatic part in the experience.
The Convicts' Escape from The Home:	One of the convicts steals the Hilliard's automobile.	The convicts steal the Hill's automobile.
	The family emerges from the incident unharmed.	The family emerges from the incident unharmed.
	The brothers among the convicts are killed during their escape in a gun battle with the police.	The brothers among the convicts are killed during their escape in gun battles with the police.
	The third convict is captured alive.	The third convict is captured alive.